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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Central Intelligence
VIA: Acting Deputy Director for Administration
FROM: James H. McDonald
Director of Logistics
SUBJECT: Background Information on Proposed CIA
Recreational Facility Construction
REFERENCE: Memo dtd 8 Jul 77 to DCI in D/Pers,
subject: Facilities for Physical
Conditioning and Recreation
(OL 7 3638)

1. The background information you requested on the proposed CIA recreational facility construction is included as Attachment A for your information.

2. The referent recommended that the project be split into three phases. The first phase, using appropriated funds, provided for a control access gate, an access road, and a parking lot. The second phase provided for a football/soccer field, a softball field, a handball court, and a basketball court. The third phase, to be accomplished at a future unspecified date, provides for a second softball field, four tennis courts, and appropriate lighting for nighttime use of facilities. A drawing indicating the proposed locations of the facilities, the planned phases, and new estimated costs are included as Attachment B. The costs shown for Phase II vary slightly from those cited in the referent but are still within the approved total.

3. Appropriated funds in the amount of \$15,700 were made available to GSA by a work order dated 15 September 1977 for doing the Phase I work. Nonappropriated funds in the amount of \$50,000 are available from EAA for doing the Phase II work. Drawings and specifications for Phase I are now in the hands of GSA for implementation, and drawings, specifications, and contract documents for Phase II construction are in final preparation by the Real Estate and Construction Division (RLCD/OL).

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4. Tennis courts were not included in the original DCI approval of Phase I and Phase II but rather were deferred to some future date as part of a proposed Phase III construction. We have been advised by the Office of the Comptroller that a statement regarding the construction of modest facilities for the physical health and well being of Agency employees is being included in the Agency's FY-79 Congressional Budget submission and that, if approved during the Congressional Budget process, then the Office of the Comptroller would arrange for the necessary reprogramming to make funds (approximately \$60,000) available for the construction of four tennis courts or other similar facilities. Congressional approval of this statement is particularly important because the Office of General Counsel has previously opined that there are sufficient doubts about the justification for an Agency physical fitness program that appropriated funds should not be used for such facilities unless specific authorization is obtained from Congress or an approval by the Comptroller General is received. Because of these complexities, the appropriation being sought by the Comptroller is by no means assured and another source of funds may be required. One such source is the Central Employee Activities Fund (CEAF) which, with the approval of the DDA, could be used for this purpose. Based on a recent financial report on this fund (included as Attachment C), it would appear that approximately \$43,000 could be made available still leaving sufficient funds to support average CEAF annual expenses. Since our current estimate for the construction of four tennis courts is approximately \$60,000, at least two courts could be constructed from the funds which may be available from the CEAF.

5. Should we decide to proceed with the construction of the proposed tennis courts, an environmental impact assessment and additional coordination with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC) would be required. While we do not anticipate that the environmental assessment would present a problem, it may be that NCPC will require public hearings because of the increase in the scope of the project. We can only determine this through further discussions with NCPC officials and would be glad to do so should

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you desire. As with the other phases of the project, EACG would provide the necessary drawings and specifications for the work which would probably be contracted for by EAA.

6. Please let me know if you require any additional information.

/s/ James H. McDonald

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